

Home and Abroad

MAHAN DENIES
HE WILL SIGN
TO PLAY BALL

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 30.—"Not a chance," was the laconic reply of Captain Eddie Mahan of the Harvard football team when asked last night if he would consider playing professional baseball after his graduation in June. "I am going to knock down to hard work, that is, if I can get a job," added Mahan. "I do not, however, intend to play ball to gain a livelihood. Reports that I have been approached to consider offers from Pittsburgh and other big league teams are bosh. I have received no such offers."

The new Harvard football leader will probably be chosen on Friday of this week. Joe Gilman, a practically unanimous choice as all American tackle, is the logical choice for the captain. Dick Harte and Hal Dammun, two "rascally players" with more scattering votes, both being juniors.

TORRINGTON BOY
CAPTAINS EXETER

Exeter, N. H., Nov. 30.—The recent election of a Connecticut boy, Arthur E. Braman of Torrington, to the captaincy of next year's Phillips Exeter football team, comes as a surprise for his remarkable playing for the last two seasons. The rise of the big line-man has been most remarkable, when it is to be considered that he was a rather crude player upon coming to the Academy, less than two years ago.

The possibilities of Braman as a line-man early in his career had been recognized by the coaching staff. All through the 1914 season Braman steadily improved, alternating with Zenger at left guard.

At the opening of the 1915 football season Tad Jones found in Braman his most dependable line-man, his weight and strength being a valuable asset on the defense. His position was right tackle.

The new leader is a hard worker and sets a good example on the field by his assiduous playing and willingness to learn. Braman, 19 years old, weighs over 18 pounds, and plans to complete his education at Yale.

Boxing Association
Gives Ritchie Ninety
Days to Defend Title

The American Boxing Association is proceeding to the task of attempting to straighten out the tangled situation in the various divisions of pugilism. The first formal step to this end was taken yesterday when a list was compiled of the accepted stars in the various classes and the recommendation made that the "rights" be brought together at an early date over the 30-round route preferably.

Following is a list of those accepted places as championship possibilities: **Welterweights**—Mike O'Dowd, Eddie Bartfield, Kid Graves, Puckey McFarland, Willie Ritchie, Jack Britton and Ted Lewis. **Middleweights**—George Ahearn, Mike Gibbons, Jeff Smith, George Chip, Jimmy Clabby, and Eddie McGorty. **Flyweights**—Frankie Izzo, John Pappas, Artie Armstrong. **Lightweights**—Willie Ritchie is given 30 days to defend his American title at 35 pounds or forfeit same, in which event it is recommended that Charley White and Johnny Dundee battle for the American title.

No action was taken in the bantam, featherweight and heavyweight classes, because the championships in these divisions are held by Kid Wilkard, the official sanction of the association as the ruler of the bantams while Johnny Kilbane is the accepted boss among the 125-pounders. In the heavy class, Jess Willard reigns.

YANKS SIGN UP TWO
PROMISING YOUNGSTERS

New York, Nov. 30.—Two more recruits were added to the Yankees' roster yesterday, when Manager Donovan signed up George Einar, a promising pitcher who makes his home at Elkton, Md., and James McGovern, who matriculates in the major league from local sand lots. Finn is a semi-pro, and was said to have a world of "stuff."

McGovern is a tall lad, who covers first base as a usual thing and will be tried out at that position by Manager Donovan. It is likely that Donovan will take a large squad South with him.

ANNIVERSARIES
OF RING BATTLES

1897—Jim Jeffries and Joe Choynski fought 20-round draw at San Francisco. This was Big Jeff's fifth ring battle, and he needed all his strength and durability to withstand the clever, game Jewish battler, who, although nearly 50 pounds lighter than Jeff, was the possessor of a punch that would put any ordinary man to sleep for a week. But Jeff wasn't an ordinary man, although he has since confessed that one of the blows landed by Joe in that battle was the worst he ever called upon to weather. It was a right to the mouth, and Jeff's teeth cut nearly through his upper lip, so terrible was the impact. A little thing like that didn't bother the big future champion, however, and he was still going strong, while Choynski was beginning to tire, at the end of the scheduled 20 rounds.

1911—Sam McLean and Joe Coburn fought 12-round draw at Bay St. Louis, Miss.

1904—Battling Nelson knocked out Young Corbett in 10th round at San Francisco.

1911—Freddie Welsh defeated Willie Ritchie in 20 rounds at Los Angeles.

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East Side and West End
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COACH DALY OF ARMY SAYS
THERE IS NO TRUTH IN REPORT
THAT HE WILL HANDLE HARVARD

West Point, N. Y., Nov. 30.—Coach Daly says there is no truth in the report that he was offered the position as coach of the Harvard football team for next season. In talking of the matter recently Daly said: "I don't believe Coach Houghton will give up handling the crimson gridiron boys. Although his contract has expired, it is well known that coaching a Harvard eleven is one of the greatest things on earth to him, especially since he has been successful. I am perfectly content with my treatment here, and I don't believe there is any offer that would take me away from handling the Army men."

PITTSBURGH MAY
DROP PENN STATE
FOR ROUGH WORK

Pittsburgh, Nov. 30.—Pitt may drop Penn State from its football schedule, according to reports here yesterday, unless the Centre county boys cut out some of their rough work on the gridiron.

The authorities at Pitt have been trying diligently to guard against any publicity being given the fact that they are not entirely pleased with the tactics employed by the State players. Privately, one of the prominent members of the Pitt athletic committee made this statement:

"There is no doubt in my mind that Harvard's charge that State played rough football was justified. I never saw a game in which there was more rough work than in the Penn State-Pitt contest. Pitt men were gouged, pounded and beaten. Williamson was roughed deliberately and intentionally as he was kicked and was laid out twenty yards back of where the ball was stopped."

I would be in favor of giving State one more year, and if they repeat the tactics they employed in the game here this year, then I would be in favor of doing away with the game entirely. I do not think we have to stand for that kind of football in Pittsburgh."

BATTLING KUNTZ
MAY BE SIGNED UP
FOR COMING SHOW

Battling Kuntz of South Norwalk, came to this city today to talk with Matchmaker Williams regarding a place on the Embell A. C. boxing card. There is some discussion about matching Kuntz with Red Allen and if this does not materialize another opponent may be selected for Kuntz. It is planned to have two good preliminaries.

The two star bouts have already been clinched. The 15 round affair between Harry Pierce and Gilbert Gallant should prove a slaughter and Young MacLiffe and Kid Ghetto in a ten round go ought to furnish plenty of excitement. The complete card will be announced in a few days.

Lee Fohl Has Unique
Ideas About Managing
Big League Players

Manager Lee Fohl of the Cleveland Indians has a few pet ideas about managing a ball club that are a little different from the general run.

"A manager should not send a batter up to the plate with definite orders," says Fohl. "Any time you put a batter under orders you are taking something away from him, for in following instructions he may be forced to let a grand opportunity pass."

"Pitchers should not be worked too hard in the spring training camp. That's when their arms are the weakest, but the custom is to make them throw more than twice as much labor then as they will be called upon to perform later on when their arms are strong."

"The time for a ball club to cut loose and take chances is when it's behind. A team on the short end of the score seems doomed to lose, anyhow, so why not risk everything on a chance of making the break come your way?"

WISCONSIN IS
AFTER MAHAN
OR BRICKLEY

Cambridge, Nov. 30.—With the great success of the Houghton system of coaching at Harvard, follows the surprising desire of some of the western colleges to introduce Harvard methods next season. Negotiations are already under way by influential alumni of Wisconsin University to entice Eddie Mahan, this year's Crimison captain or Charley Brickley, last year's captain, to coach the Wisconsin eleven next season. Western football has for several seasons been considered by western critics as equal and even superior to the best in the east, but the continued success of Harvard under Houghton has won many of them over in favor of eastern football.

Wisconsin this season was coached by W. J. Juneau, a former Wisconsin star, and although the team has been fairly successful under the new state coach system, the Wisconsin alumni want an eleven to sweep the Western Conference. Brickley coached at Johns Hopkins University this season and it is believed he would accept a western offer. Mahan, on his friends have stated, did not want to become a coach next season, as he had planned to go into business after graduation. It is believed, however, that a big offer would cause him to change his mind.

While the Houghton method of football instruction has had much to do with his success as a coach, Houghton's personality and his manner of getting the best out of his players and in keeping perfect harmony, is a big figure in his success. Not only that, but he has been exceedingly fortunate in surrounding himself with advisors of unusual ability. "Reggie" Brown being an aid of remarkable football knowledge.

The Houghton system has been a great success at Harvard. In eight years Houghton has coached teams which have defeated Yale five times, played two ties, and were defeated only once by the Blue. The Yale game is taken as a criterion because it is the climax of the Crimison's season.

YALE AND PENN
SORRY SITUATION
REGARDING COACH

Football teams are already scouting around for new coaches for next season. Yale and Penn are in a more unfortunate position than any of the other big colleges in this respect. Between 1890 and 1893 Yale were big rivals and had the best teams in the country. They have not played since 1893. It is a peculiar swing of fortune that this past season should have been the disastrous in the history of each institution.

That there will be a new coach at New Haven is certain, but the appointment will not be made for a long time. Yale intends to change its athletic policy before a coach is appointed. Already there is much talk about one probable candidate for the place, there seems to be a strong demand among Yale men to engage Tad Jones, the former Yale quarter back, who has had great success at coaching Exeter. In choosing a new coach, Yale will not go so far back as Hinkey's playing days to pick a man, but will take one of the former players of the modern school.

Yanks and White Sox
Exchanged Hot Roasts

(Sporting News.)

There was no love lost between the White Sox and the Yankees in the late American League campaign. Much of the time the two teams were fighting for position, and they fought as hard as they knew how. A sample of the repartee when the two teams met has been preserved by a New York writer in the following little skit:

The Chicago runs were piling up and the Yanks were showing little pep.

"Pretty easy to quit," sneered Rowland at the Yank's bench, and a fire of repartee began.

"Hello, bartender!" yelled Donovan at Rowland.

"Stealin' signals, hey?" replied Rowland.

"Saw we were signals? We don't need 'em, I guess. Look at the scoreboard."

Mr. Donovan and his men didn't need to look at the core board. They knew the score was 11 to 0 at that time. But they came back with some hot stuff.

"Fill 'em up again for us, will yuh?" they cried. "Hello, bushier!"

"Back and forth such sallies of ex-crudating wit flew.

"Get out from the screen," said Rowland. "Nobody can see yuh."

Then O'Loughlin took a hand.

"Shut up!" he yelled to the Yank's bench. The Yanks shut up.

"Shut up!" he yelled to the White Sox bench. "Where do you think yuh are, in the Three-I League?"

The White Sox and a good many of the spectators who had seen eight innings of the affair and were thinking that just where they were, shut up. O'Loughlin's hypnotic eye was working a bit itself.

SHEEPSHEAD AND
RIBBONS TONIGHT

Basketball fans will be out in great numbers at Colonial hall tonight to see the Sheepshead Bay five, which gave the Blue Ribbons a decisive beating in the opening contest of the season.

The local players gave the night that they had not struck their stride that night but no excuses will be accepted if they trail in the dust this evening. It will be a hard fought battle.

The Sheepsheads have some of the fastest interstate league players in their lineup. Dreyfus astonished the fans by his speed when he last appeared here and Norman is also a good man. Harvey, the center, gave Leonard of the Ribbons a better argument than any other visiting center. Walter Swenson of the Ribbons says he will be quiet tonight, inasmuch as Chief Muller won't be on the floor. The main game starts at 8:30 and the preliminary between the St. Augustine's and Southport High school at 7:45.

PERSONAL MENTION

Hubert Hulton, who for many years conducted a market in the West End and later was manager of the Vincent Bros. market, is seriously ill at St. Vincent's hospital.

WAGNER'S OWN COLUMN

The Federal league backers are evidently determined to make organized baseball submit to peace overtures. Their latest action in securing a site for a park on Manhattan Island looks as if the outlaws were putting the screws on their rivals. Of course the park may never be built but the fact that the Feds paid \$1,250,000 for the Lenox avenue property indicates their willingness to risk a large bankroll. The enormous sum necessary to be spent before the park is completed makes it almost certain that the Feds will not be able to make the game pay but it will probably cut into the receipts of the Giants and Yankees.

The National league will hold a meeting December 14 in New York. Can't you hear those corks popping already?

Two local boys, Bob Lee and Eddie Finn, made good records on college football eleven this season. Lee was one of the strongest linemen on the Catholic university team. A letter to the Hartford Courant speaks of Lee as follows:

"Bob Lee of Bridgeport, with 196 pounds played a powerful game on the line. His return to the game has undoubtedly strengthened the team and he has earned the letter which he will receive."

Lee is the son of M. J. Lee of Clinton avenue. Finn played in the Georgetown university backfield. He is an East Bridgeport boy who has played with various local teams.

Young Ahearn, who is to box Mike Gibbons in St. Paul on December 10,

TRINITY CANCELS
N. Y. U. BECAUSE OF
BRICKLEY DISPUTE

Judging from a communication received by Manager W. E. Frerichs of the New York University baseball team, Trinity College, with whom the football management canceled its election day game because of the alleged playing of a professional, George Brickley, on the latter's eleven, is no longer desirous of continuing its long-standing athletic relations with the New York University.

The letter received by the New York University baseball manager requests the release from the tentative agreement by which Trinity would have played the University Heights nine next spring, and intimates that athletic relations with the New York University are no longer desirable from the standpoint of the Hartford institution, even if the Violet had decided to meet the New Englanders again on the gridiron next season.

Unofficially the athletic authorities had already considered the question as to whether football relations with Trinity would be resumed next year, and it was stated yesterday upon reliable authority that the University Heights authorities would not have permitted a game with the New England team next season unless Trinity's eligibility rules were changed so as to conform in general with those in vogue in other institutions which the Violet meets in athletics.

WILLARD CANNOT
FIGHT LEVINSKY

Dan Morgan sends the following in praise of Battling Levinsky's career.

"The question of Jess Willard fight—Battling Levinsky says 'No,' and in my opinion Levinsky is correct. Here are a few reasons why the public should be shown the true ability of Willard. When he was in Milwaukee and in New Haven with Rodol and again in New York with Carl Morris, the clubs had to keep their windows open for a month afterwards."

Then Willard fought Jack Johnson for the championship. Johnson looked more like a whale than a human being, and the result was that Johnson fell down, and Willard stood up. In Battling Levinsky's opinion, Willard can't fight—he is just lucky—and the first good man that he meets will make a show of him. Levinsky is ready for the job."

MATT WELLS IN DRAW
WITH JOHNNY GRIFFITH

Akron, Ohio, Nov. 30.—Matt Wells and Johnny Griffith boxed a hard ten round draw here last night. Wells carried the battle to Griffith, who met him half way and the fans were treated to the fastest lightweight bout ever seen in Ohio.

CONN. STATE GRANGE
MEETING ON JAN. 11

Hartford, Nov. 30.—The 31st annual session of the Connecticut Grange will be held at Footguard Armory, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 11, 12 and 13. There are two reasons for special interest: The organization comes back to Hartford after meeting elsewhere the last two years and the annual election of officers for the biennial term. Frederick D. Duffey, of West Hartford, is among the prominent men mentioned for state master.

The \$2,000,000 bridge on the Lane cut-off on the Union Pacific railroad over the Rappahannock, Va., was badly damaged by fire.

Smoking on Henry Ford's peace ship Oscar II. will probably be prohibited as Dr. Pease has consented to make the trip.

Crews of strike breakers who attempted to run cars at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., were badly beaten by strikers. No arrests were made.

XMAS ROPING AND WREATHS OF
LAUREL

JOHN RECK & SON.

COFFEY PUTS
SMITH OUT IN
FOURTH ROUND

New York, Nov. 30.—Jim Coffey, the Irish champion, still is a contender for the heavyweight boxing title which is held by Jess Willard. Coffey came back to the top notch brigade by knocking out "Gunboat" Smith with a long right smash to the jaw in the first minute and 55 seconds of the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden last night.

The punch travelled so fast and carried so much force behind it that it knocked Smith to the mat, where he tried in vain for 10 rounds to regain his feet. He was unable to get up before the time limit, but managed by the aid of the ropes to do so two seconds after the referee had stopped counting.

The battle terminated suddenly. There was no indication up to the time that Coffey whipped over the right that the bout would end in that round.

Coffey had telegraphed a message that it was coming a few seconds before a right to the chin, but it had glanced off Smith's face and the Gunner was seemingly not hurt by the blow.

Smith had moved back and was spreading his legs apart, and was twisting his body sideways to swing over one of his right overhand punches, when Coffey saw the opening and like a flash took advantage of it. Coffey's right whipped from his shoulder straight and true with the speed of a cannon ball. It landed flush on Smith's chin and doubled him up like a man on hinges. It was the first time since Smith had achieved fame as a boxer that a white man had knocked him out. Sam Langford did it early this year in Boston and three days ago when Smith was practically a novice Jim Barry served him a similar trick.

Coffey fought a slow, cautious bout. His defeat by Moran had taught him a lesson. Instead of rushing at Smith as he did at Moran, he was content to use his long left to batter down Smith's defense and open a way for a knockout later in the bout.

Batsmen Enjoyed
Privileges in Good Old
Days of Baseball

Forty-five years ago today, on Nov. 30, 1870, a number of men interested in professional baseball held a meeting in New York to consider the rules to govern the game. The diamond pastime as a business proposition was then in its infancy. In 1869 the Cincinnati Red Stockings had been the only all-professional team in the field, although the Philadelphia Athletics and a few other clubs had a few paid men. These maintained their "amateur" standing by being ostensibly employed as business men, or candlestick makers, although they were never found working at their trades. In 1870 there were a score or more of professional clubs, but no regular salaries or permitted era to share in the gate receipts.

Among the rules adopted at the New York meeting for governing the professional game was the rule that gave to the batter the privilege of calling for a high or low ball. This was nothing new, for from the dim beginnings of the game the batsmen had enjoyed that privilege. The amateur players of the '60s could direct the pitcher to deliver the pellet knee, waist or shoulder high, as suited his fancy, and the pitcher was bound to do his best to follow instructions.

Of all the old rules governing the American pastime, this seems the strangest to the present day fan, yet it prevailed in the early days of the professional circles as late as 1886, and was not finally abolished until 1887. Since then it has been the business of the pitcher to fluff the ball, and, as a result, baseball has been almost transformed.

For purposes of comparison the old records of baseball are well high up in the air. The first professional baseball adopted at a meeting in Cleveland in 1887 were revolutionary in their nature. The batting hero of the early days would almost certainly be made to look like a monkey by a minor league twirler of the era. And this brings up the question:

If Ty Cobb could bat .369 this year, how would he do in the present era? The fluffing trade did their darndest to put the pill where Ty didn't want it, what could the Georgia Peach accomplish if he had the privilege of telling the twirler exactly where to throw the "em"? Why, there wouldn't be enough figures in a battery of lineups to give Ty's batting average.

It would be a highly interesting experiment, and one that would doubtless be welcomed by the fans if two clubs of major league stars should pull off a game under the old rules in vogue in the '70s. They rolled up some pretty big scores in those days, but doubtless they would look piffing compared with what could be accomplished in that line today.

The pitching would have to be made underhand, and curves would be taboo. Under the earliest rules the batsman could use any style, slow or fast, and he was not bound to swing. He could be ten feet long and weigh a hundred pounds if desired. No strikes would be called unless the batter swung and missed. In some of the old games a twirler put over forty or fifty balls before a strike was called on the batsman.

A nine-inning game under such rules, if it was the case of the present time, would probably last several days. The chief handicap to the batsmen would probably be the rule that no one was allowed to bat over four bounds out of the field when struck.

BOY WHO SWALLOWED

IODINE RECOVERING

Fred Katz, two years and a half old of 1701 Main street, has recovered fully from the effects of the poisonous mixture of iodine and water which he partook yesterday morning in the belief that the iodine was an extract of vanilla. He is still at St. Vincent's hospital but will probably be discharged tomorrow.